(a) what is the break up of RPO dealers commission on Sales of MS and HSD;

(b) whether the present dealers commission on above products is sufficient to cover evaporation loss, wages and salaries, LFR, Electricity Bills, Maintenance of Toilet, Air Facilities, Telegram facilities and shrinkage loss and other administrative expenses; and

(c) if so, the facts and details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) to (c) The Government had, based on the recommendations of the Directors' Committee, revised the dealers' commission on MS/HSD on 6.11.97. Thereafter based on the escalation formula for compensating the change in All-India Consumer Price index the oil companies again increased the Dealers' Commission for MS/HSD effective 1.4.1998. The current Dealers' Commission is as given below:—

Products	Rs./KL
MS—87	411
MS—93	448
HSD—Slab I	223
Slab II	169

Dealers paying by demand drafts to get an additional Rs. 40/KL for MS and Rs. 16/KL for HSD towards bank charges. Dealers' Commission takes into account the following elements:

(i) Return on investment;

(ii) Operating costs which includes expenses like salary and wages, electricity, insurance, repair and maintenance, telephone, uniforms, conveyance, depreciation, taxes/fees/audit, rent, printing and stationery, consumables, and shrinkage allowance where applicable.

(iii) Cost of working capital and Stock loss.

Employment of Graduate Engineers by ONGC in Assam

2758. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of graduate engineers employed by Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in the State of Assam at present; and

(b) the details of Assamese graduate engineers working in ONGC in Assam and also from outside the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) and (b) There are 665 graduate engineers employed by ONGC in the State of Assam as on date. Of these 164 are Assamese graduate engineers. Remaining 501 graduate engineers are from outside the State of Assam.

Allotment of Gas Agencies and Petrol Pumps in Assam

2759. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons who have been allotted gas agencies and petrol pumps in the State of Assam, during the last five years;

(b) the details thereof district-wise;

(c) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive scheme to grant gas agencies and petrol pumps to the persons widow women who affected by terrorists in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?